

Town of Manchester
November 12, 2014

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Tammy Black, Vince Pacelli, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin, Natalie Singer and Patty Garner.

Ms. Black made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilder made a motion to receive the September 2014 Treasurer's Report. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Warner congratulated Mr. Pacelli on a well-run campaign. Mayor Warner also reminded citizens about various events being held on Black Friday in Manchester beginning with the 6pm tree lighting at Town Hall.

George Maurer was sworn in as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. The Sheetz project is moving forward with a concept plan. Staff is working on Charter and Code revisions and bidding sewer line repairs. The MOA has been signed with the Commissioners for the NPDES agreement. Mr. Miller thanked the Manchester Area Merchants Association (M.A.M.A.) for the Halloween parade and thanked Pete & Guy Garey for all they did. York Street traffic was affected by a broken manhole cover which was probably caused by heavy traffic. Ms. Smith questioned what could be done to correct this situation. Mr. Miller mentioned that the Town could put a weight limit York Street. However, when the Town put a limit on Hallie Avenue (which was built to handle the heavy traffic), a problem was diverted to York Street. Mayor Warner mentioned that we need to work on a long-term solution.

Chief Hess read the monthly police report. There were 56 calls for service last month. There was a big drug investigation conducted Halloween night. Traffic enforcement has been active at certain intersections. Chief Hess has met with the newly-elected State's Attorney. Chief Hess is interested in the possibility of speed cameras that officers operate.

Helen Wagner, of Hallie Avenue, stated that residents do not want trucks in their backyards and asked about the possibility of a by-pass. Ms. Black mentioned that the Town has been very vocal about this very issue to the State Highway Administration and she has personally asked to have the project move up the priority funding list.

A resident of Locust Street expressed concerns over speeding and lack of speed limit signs posted. Chief Hess will look into the matter. This resident also questioned if trapping cats was illegal in the Town limits. Chief Hess mentioned that this was a state-wide problem and that an owner needed to claim theft of an animal. Mr. Miller acknowledged that the Town has been dealing with feral cats since 2012. Both the Town and the Humane Society lack manpower to handle the problem in the most humane way which is trap, neuter and release.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned after 8:31pm.